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JOINT INTERIM SUBCOMMITTEES

SUBCOMMITTEE NUMBER 1

SEPTEMBER 10  
MEETING DATE SET  
FOR AG TAX

The Interim Subcommittee on Agricultural Land Taxation has set the tentative date for the organizational meeting for September 10. The meeting will be in Room 104 of the Capitol beginning at 9:00 a.m.

The agenda will include the election of officers, review and adoption of a study and work plan, and a briefing on the activities of the Advisory Council on Agricultural Land Taxation. The Advisory Council is working with the Department of Revenue in developing new assessment schedules for agricultural lands. Senators Leo Lane and Elmer Severson are members on the interim Subcommittee and the Advisory Council. Other legislators on the Advisory Council are Representatives Gene Donaldson, Gay Holliday, Rex Manuel, and Ted Neuman.

Anyone interested in the Subcommittee's activities or who wishes to be included on the interested persons mailing list should contact Dave Bohyer at the Legislative Council.

SUBCOMMITTEE NO. 2

NAVIGABILITY  
AND STATE LANDS  
AUGUST 30 AND 31

The first meeting of Joint Interim Subcommittee No. 2 has been scheduled for Tuesday and Wednesday, August 30 and 31, in Room 104 of the Capitol.

The Subcommittee will convene at 7:00 p.m. on August 30 to elect its chairman and vice-chairman and to review and approve or modify study designs and work plans prepared by staff.

HJR 40, State Lands study, will be the topic for the morning session beginning at 8:00 a.m. on August 31. The Commissioner of State Lands and his staff will review the general policies and procedures involved in

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administration of state lands. The management of state forests and the operation of the fire control program will be reviewed by the Administrator of the Forestry Division and his staff.

The afternoon session, beginning at 1:30 p.m., will be devoted to HJR 36, study of the navigability laws. Principal speaker will be Al Stone, a professor at the University of Montana School of Law.

#### SUBCOMMITTEE NUMBER 3

ORGANIZATIONAL  
MEETING SEPTEMBER 16

The first meeting of the Subcommittee is scheduled for Friday, September 16, in Room 104 of the State Capitol in Helena. During this organizational meeting, Subcommittee members will review, revise, and adopt study designs and work plans for four interim studies: state investments, court unification, public pensions, and insurance laws. The Subcommittee will also elect a chairman and vice-chairman and receive public comment on the proposed study designs and work plans.

#### SUBCOMMITTEE NUMBER 4

EARLY SEPTEMBER  
MEETING PLANNED

Joint Interim Subcommittee Number 4 is tentatively scheduled to meet during the first part of September. During the organizational meeting, Subcommittee members will review, revise, and adopt study designs and work plans for three interim studies: employment preference, teacher tenure laws, and the role of community colleges. The Subcommittee will also elect a chairman and vice-chairman and receive public comment on the proposed study plans.

#### COAL TAX OVERSIGHT SUBCOMMITTEE

ORGANIZATION SET  
FOR AUGUST 11

The organizational meeting of the Coal Tax Oversight Subcommittee is set for 9:00 a.m., Thursday, August 11, in Room 104 of the Capitol.

In addition to electing a chairman, the Subcommittee will review past activities, adopt a plan of work for this biennium, and hear reports on the coal severance tax revenue and on the projected shortfall in earnings allocated to the Parks Acquisition fund.

## SELECT COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

### BILLINGS MEETING SET FOR AUGUST 18

The first meeting of the 1983-84 Select Committee on Indian Affairs is scheduled for Thursday, August 18, in Billings, Montana.

From 9:30 a.m. until noon in the Indian Health Service Conference Room, 2727 Central Avenue, the Committee will meet to elect officers, to hear staff reports on activities of past Indian Affairs Committees and state-tribal litigation, and to receive public comment on the direction of the Committee.

After lunch, the Committee will meet with the Montana Inter-Tribal Policy Board (MITPB) at 2303 Grand Avenue from 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. to discuss possible topics for the Committee to pursue during the legislative interim.

Following discussions with the MITPB, the Committee will meet from 3:20 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Indian Health Service Conference Room, 2727 Central Avenue, to select topics for study and to plan for future meetings and activities.

The 1983-84 Select Committee, the fourth in a series of interim legislative committees on Indian Affairs, was authorized by the 1983 Montana Legislature through passage of House Joint Resolution No. 19.

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RESEARCH DIRECTOR  
ATTENDS TRAINING  
SEMINAR

Research Director Bob Person recently attended a two-week seminar for government managers conducted by the Graduate School of Public Affairs of the University of Colorado at Denver. This intensive program reviewed topics such as leadership, management, budgeting, personnel, policy development, and implementation. Fifty-five participants representing a wide variety of state and local government elected and appointed officials from Texas to Oregon were in attendance. Participation was made possible by a \$1,500 scholarship provided by the State Government Affairs Council through the University of Colorado at Denver and the support of the Legislative Council.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON WATER MARKETING

AUGUST 4  
DATE SET

The first meeting of the Select Committee on Water Marketing will be held Thursday, August 4. The meeting will begin at 1:00 p.m. in Room 104 of the Capitol and may carry over into the evening or to Friday morning, August 5.

The tentative agenda for the meeting includes Committee organization and the election of officers, discussions of the scope of the study as prescribed in HB 908, staffing needs and the Committee budget, a schedule for future meetings, and discussion of alternative work plans. Interested persons will be invited to submit their views of the conduct of the study at the meeting..

If you have questions concerning the study or wish to be on the Committee's mailing list, please contact Howard Johnson at the EQC office.

ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COUNCIL

EARLY SEPTEMBER  
CONSIDERED FOR  
NEXT MEETING

The Environmental Quality Council will hold its next meeting early in September at a date and time to be announced. EQC subcommittees are continuing their assignments as reported in last month's Interim.

CAPITOL BUILDING AND PLANNING COMMITTEE

AUGUST 3:  
PLANS TO BE  
REVIEWED

This review will be the last plan review by the Committee before the plans are submitted to contractors to begin the bidding process. Construction should begin by November.

## LEGISLATIVE INTERIM CALENDAR

August 1983

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3 Capitol Bldg. & Planning Com. Rm 108--All Day	4 EQC-- Water Room 104 ---- All Day (possibly even- ing meeting too on the 4th)	5 Marketing Room 104 ---- All Day	6
7	8	9	10	11 Coal Tax Oversight Com. Rm 104--8:30 am	12	13
14	15	16	17	18 Select Com. on Indian Affairs <u>Billings</u>	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26 Revenue Oversight Com. Room 104	27
28	29	30 Interior Committee #2 Rm 104--7 p.m.	31 Interior Committee #2 Rm 104--All Day			

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September 1983

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3
4	5 Labor Day	6	7	8	9 Possibly Interim Com #4 Room 108	10 Agriculture Land Taxation HJR 35 Rm 104-- 9 a.m.
11	12	13	14	15	16 Interim Subcommittee #3 Rm 104--ALL Day	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	

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